

We claim:

1. A recording medium including recorded data, comprising:
 - disc identification information identifying the type of recording medium; and
 - a data format of the data on the recording medium to control reproduction of the recorded data.
2. A method of forming a recording medium, comprising:
 - forming disc identification information identifying the type of recording medium; and
 - forming the data on the recording medium in a desired data format.
3. A method of reproducing data from a recording medium, comprising:
 - utilizing disc identification information and a data format of the data to control reproduction of the recorded data.
4. A method of reproducing data according to claim 3, said utilizing including:
 - detecting and identifying the disc identification information, and
 - selectively restricting reproduction of the data, based on the disc identification information and the format of the data.
5. A method of reproducing data according to claim 3, wherein when the disc identification information and the format of the data match, the data is reproduced.
6. A method of reproducing data according to claim 5, wherein the data is reproduced when both the disc identification information and the format of the data are unique to a Blu-ray disc ROM (BD-ROM).

7. A method of reproducing data according to claim 3, wherein when the disc identification information and the format of the data do not match, an error is generated and/or the data is not reproduced.

8. A method of reproducing data according to claim 7, wherein the data was illegally duplicated and not reproduced when the disc identification information is not unique to a Blu-ray disc ROM (BD-ROM) and the format of the data is unique to the BD-ROM, and reproduction is halted.

9. A method of reproducing data according to claim 8, wherein the data is not reproduced because the recording medium is an illegal copy.

10. A method of reproducing data according to claim 3, wherein when the disc identification information is a physical mark on a particular area of the recording medium.

11. A method of reproducing data according to claim 3, wherein the disc identification information is recorded in an area preceding a lead-in area, or within the lead in area of the recording medium.

12. A method of reproducing data according to claim 3, wherein the disc identification information is read during an initial stage of a servo operation.

13. A method of recording data on a recording medium, comprising:
recording the data in an information area; and
recording disc identification information in the information area, which controls reproduction of the recorded data.

14. An apparatus for reproducing data from a recording medium, said apparatus utilizing disc identification information and a format of

recorded data to control reproduction of the recorded data.